



...IS STILL
ALIVE?



*CAN'T STAND
ALL THE FILTHY
VERMIN...!*

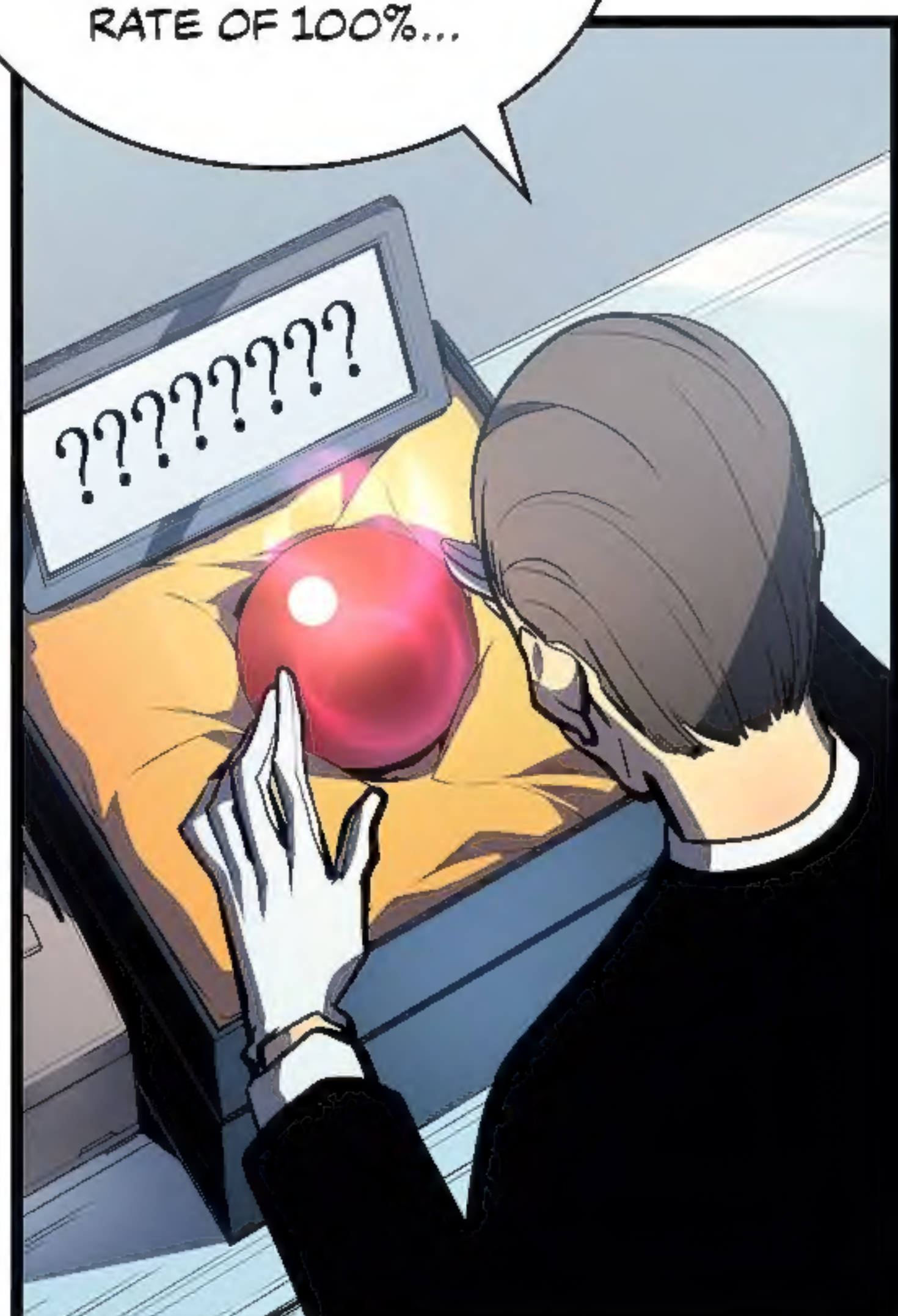
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I'VE SEEN QUITE A LOT OF ARTIFACTS IN MY TIME, BUT I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS A RED CRYSTAL BALL...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MAGIC ORB ACTUALLY HAS AN AMPLIFICATION RATE OF 100%...



EVEN THE MOST RENOWNED ARTIFACT CRAFTSMEN ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF MAKING ARTIFACTS WITH AN AMPLIFICATION RATE OF 50%...





MR. CHOI JONG-IN
WOULD BE EAGER
TO PAY A PRETTY
PENNY FOR THIS.

WHERE DID
YOU GET THIS
ITEM?

I FOUND IT IN
A DUNGEON.



YOU FOUND THIS
IN A DUNGEON?

THERE
ARE ARTIFACTS
LIKE THIS LYING
AROUND?

WOULD
YOU LIKE US TO
PUT THIS ITEM UP
FOR AUCTION?

WE'LL HELP
YOU SELL IT AT A
PREMIUM PRICE.



I'LL THINK
ABOUT IT.

I WANT TO CLEAR
THE DEMONS' CASTLE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SO THAT I CAN MAKE
THE "HOLY WATER
OF LIFE."

THAT MEANS
I NEED AN ARTIFACT TO
PROTECT ME FROM THE
FLAMES INSIDE THE
CASTLE.


I'M LOOKING
TO PURCHASE AN
ARTIFACT THAT CAN
PROTECT ME AGAINST
FIRE. IS THERE ONE
FOR SALE?

FIRE,
YOU SAY?

IS AN ARTIFACT
LIKE THAT HARD
TO FIND?

NOT AT ALL. IN FACT,
IT'S ONE OF THE MOST
COMMON ARTIFACTS
ON THE MARKET.

BUT
I COULDN'T FIND
ANY ONLINE.



ARTIFACTS WITH SUCH ATTRIBUTES ARE RATHER EXPENSIVE, SO THEY AREN'T USUALLY PUT UP FOR SALE ON THE INTERNET.

BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY ONE, IT'S VERY EASILY OBTAINABLE,

SINCE FIRE IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF MAGIC USED FOR ATTACK.

THAT MAKES SENSE. MR. SONG CHIYUL AND CHOI JONG-IN BOTH USE FIRE MAGIC, AS WELL AS TUSK AND MY SHADOW MAGES...

PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

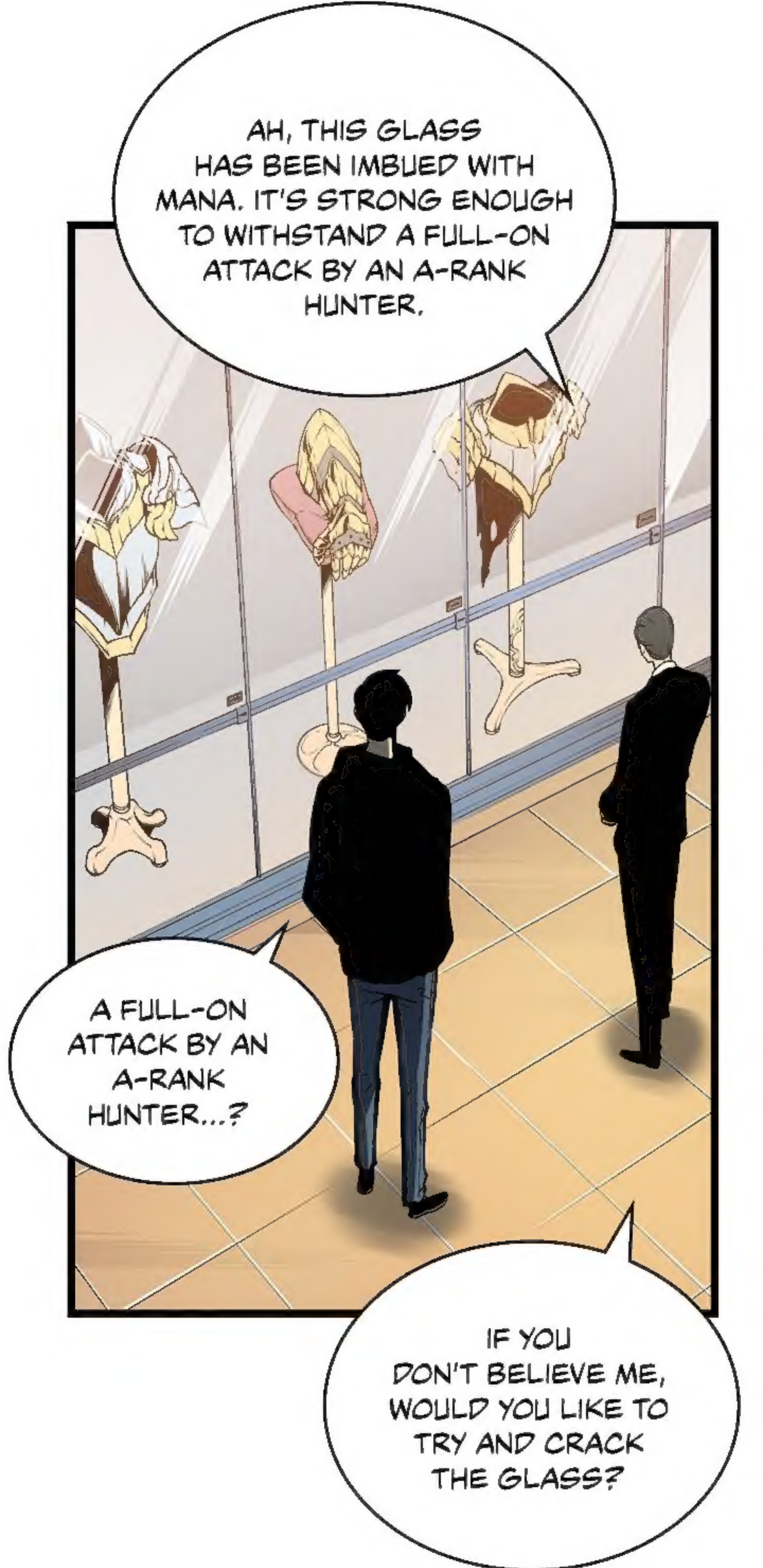




DO YOU SEE
ANYTHING YOU
LIKE?

IS A THIN
SHEET OF GLASS
STRONG ENOUGH TO
PROTECT THESE
ARTIFACTS?

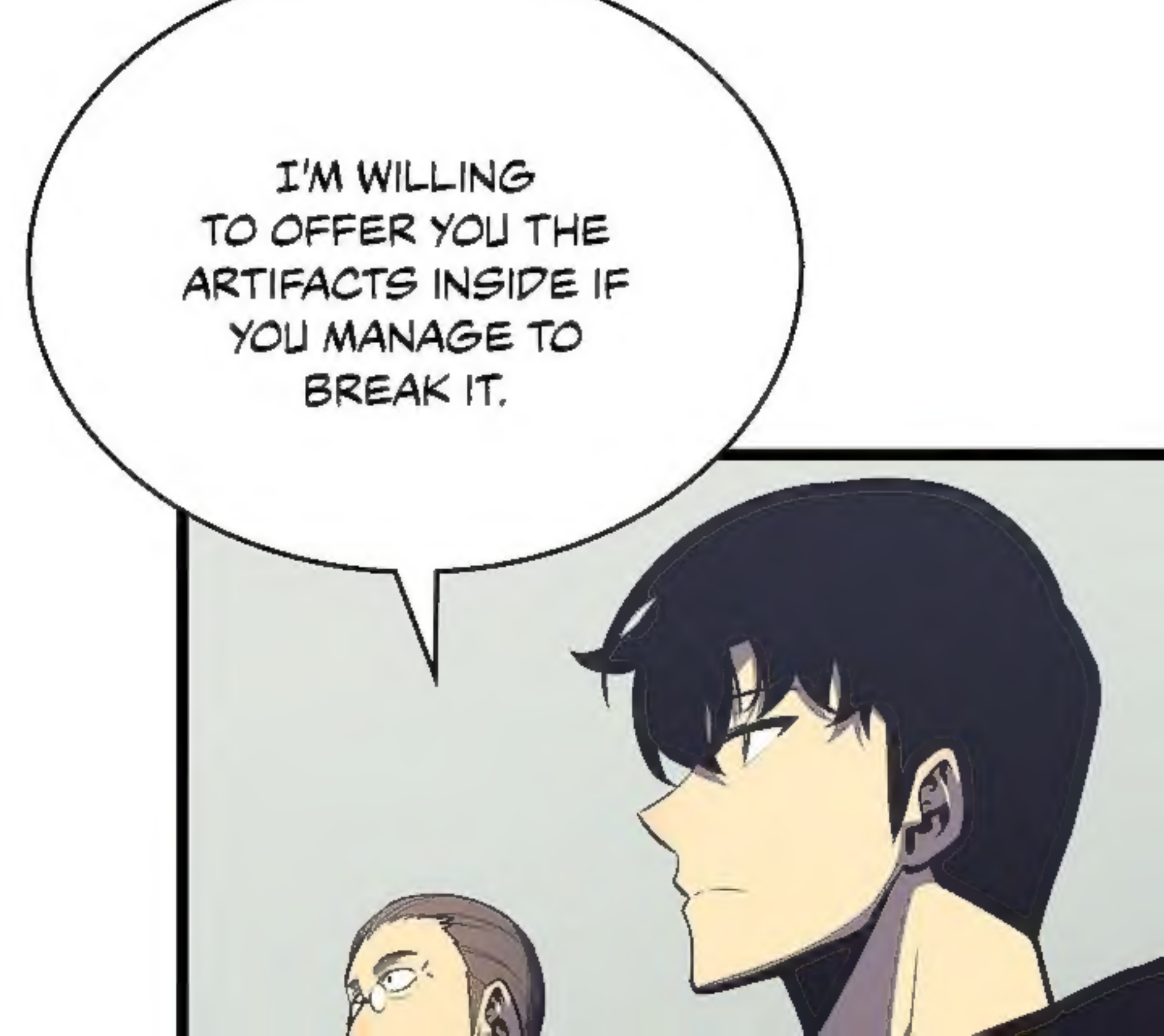
THERE DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE ANY
OTHER SECURITY
MEASURES
SET UP.



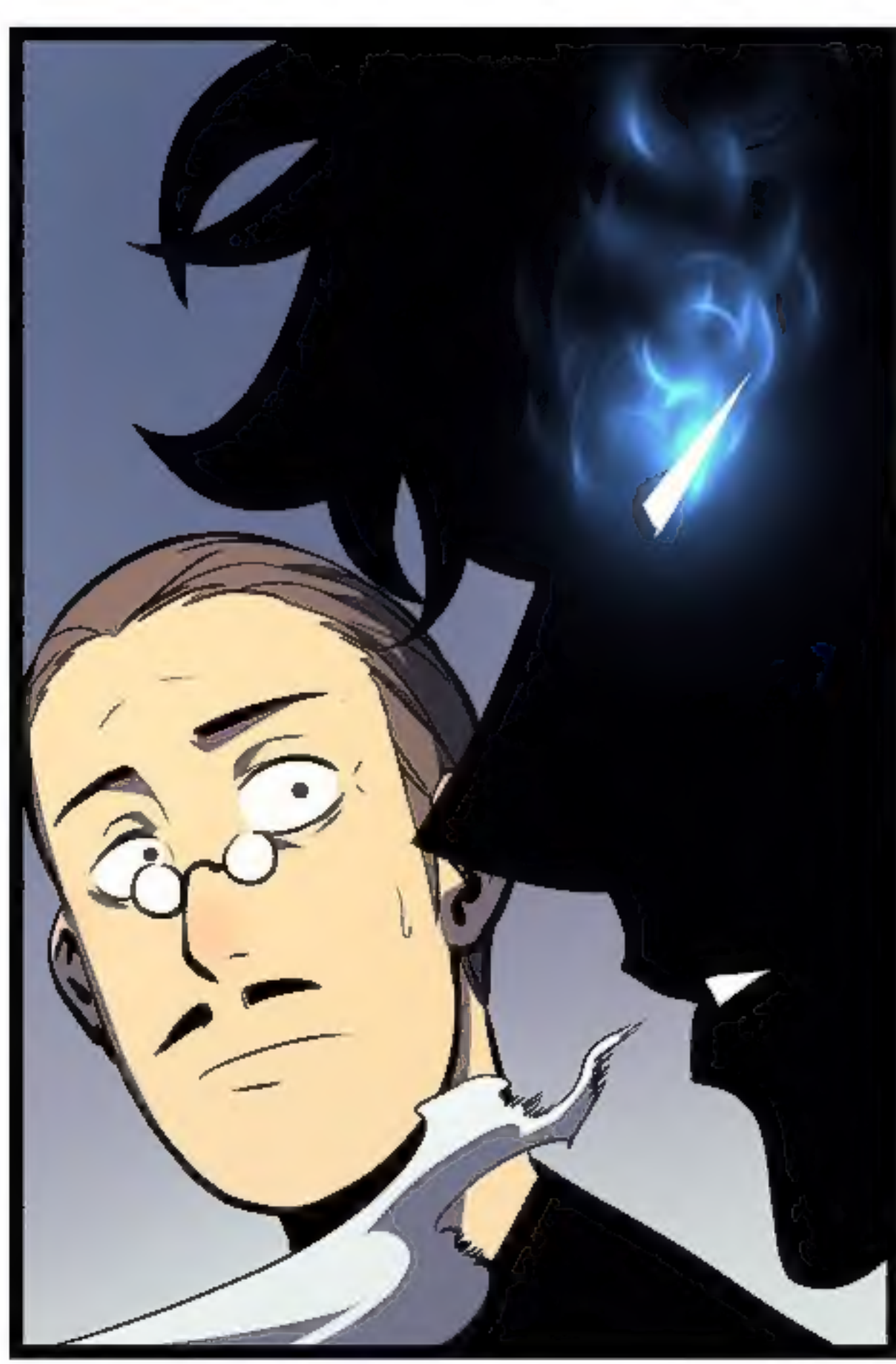
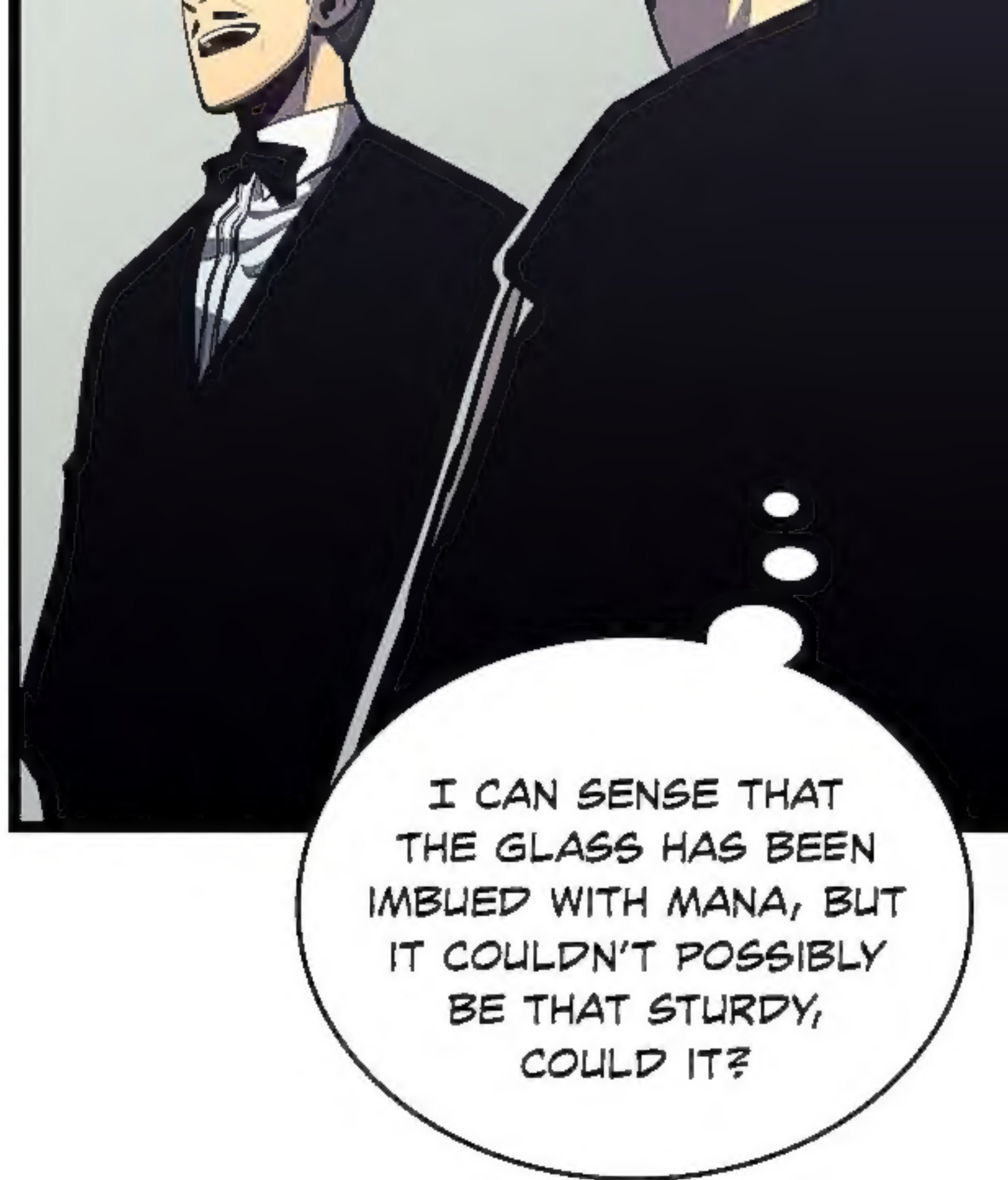
AH, THIS GLASS
HAS BEEN IMBUED WITH
MANA. IT'S STRONG ENOUGH
TO WITHSTAND A FULL-ON
ATTACK BY AN A-RANK
HUNTER.


A FULL-ON
ATTACK BY AN
A-RANK
HUNTER...?

IF YOU
DON'T BELIEVE ME,
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
TRY AND CRACK
THE GLASS?



I'M WILLING
TO OFFER YOU THE
ARTIFACTS INSIDE IF
YOU MANAGE TO
BREAK IT.





W, WAIT!
I WASN'T BEING
SERIOUS!

IF THE GLASS
ACTUALLY BREAKS,
THE ELITE MEMBERS
OF THE HUNTERS
GUILD WILL COME
RUNNING DOWN
HERE.

YOU SEE, OUR
AUCTION COMMITTEE
HAS CO-SIGNED A
SECURITY AGREEMENT
WITH THEM.

DIDN'T HE SAY HE
WAS A MAGE-TYPE
HUNTER?

WHERE IS HIS
CONFIDENCE COMING
FROM...?

DO YOU HAVE ANY
WEAPONS I CAN TRY
OUT? PREFERABLY
SOMETHING LIKE
A DAGGER.

OF COURSE
WE DO.

IT'S A PLEASURE
TO MEET YOU. I'M THE
WEAPONS SPECIALIST.
PLEASE COME
WITH ME.



HM?

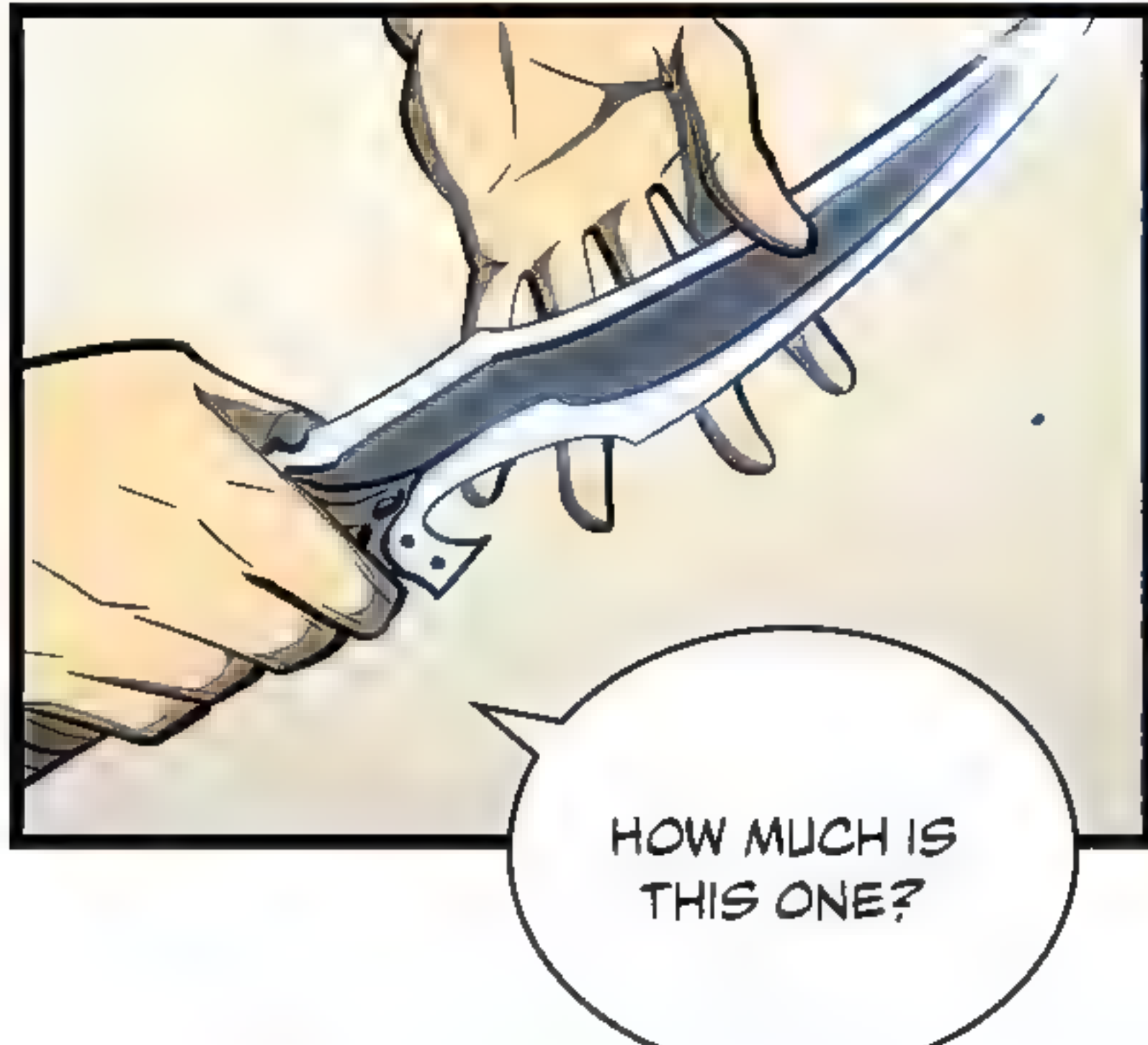


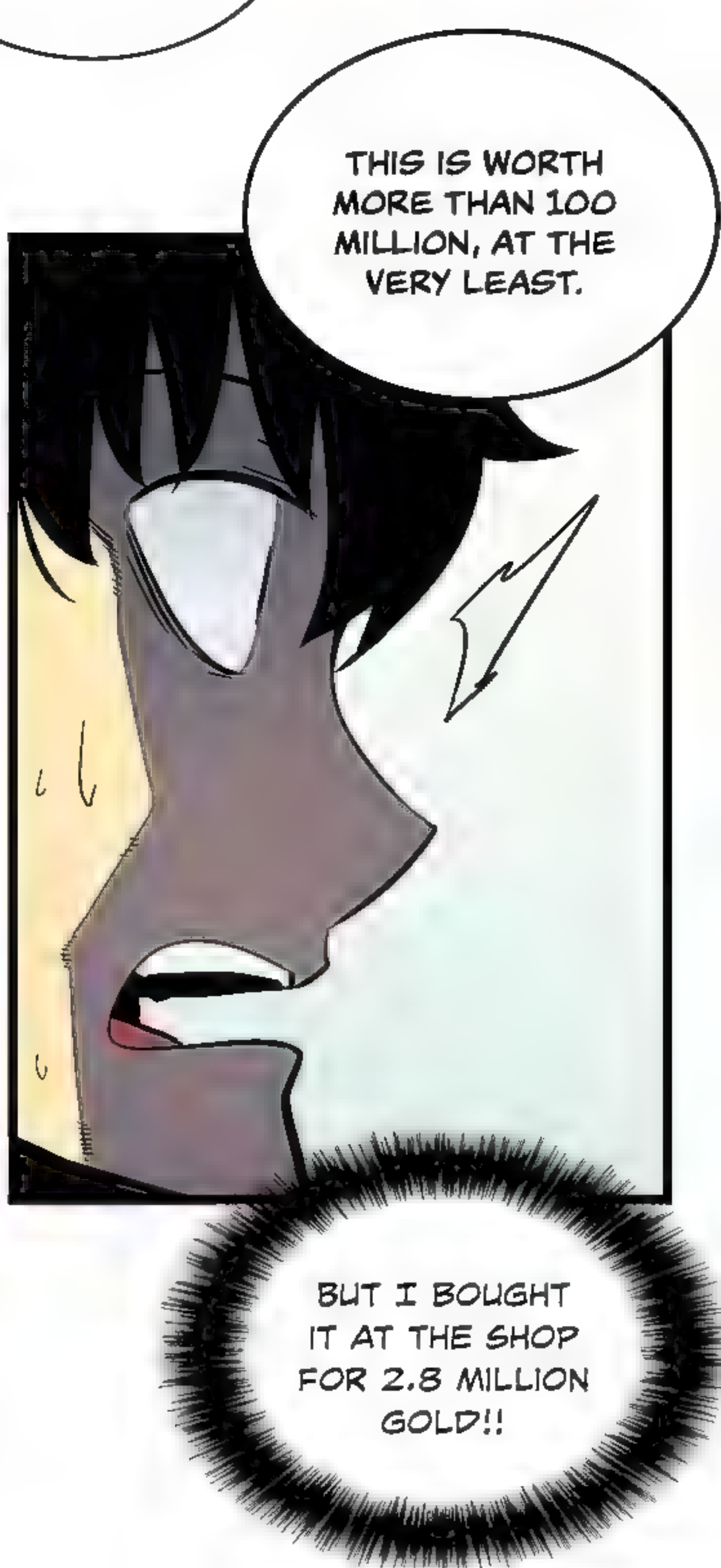
WHEN DID THAT
HAPPEN?



HE DIDN'T EVEN
TOUCH THE GLASS,
SO THERE'S NO
WAY...

SWEAT





"KIM SANGSHIK'S
STEEL SWORD" WAS
WORTH THREE MILLION,
EVEN THOUGH IT ONLY
HAD AN ATTACK
DAMAGE OF 10,

AND JINHO'S
ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT
COST MILLIONS, EVEN
THOUGH HE DIDN'T
REALLY GET MUCH
USE OUT OF
THEM.

[ITEM: KIM SANGSHIK'S ST
TYPE: SWORD
ATTACK +10]


IS HE THE SON
OF A BUSINESS
TYCOON?!

IF AN ITEM FROM
THE SHOP CAN FETCH
A GOOD PRICE, THERE'S
NO GOOD REASON FOR
ME TO SELL "THE ORB
OF AVARICE," IS
THERE?




IS THAT EVEN
POSSIBLE?






A HUNTER
THAT IS ABLE TO
CONTINUOUSLY
LEVEL UP...!

A silhouette of a hunter with spiky hair is shown from the chest up, looking out over a city at night. The city lights are blurred in the background, and the hunter's hand is raised near their face in a contemplative pose.



WHEN I'M IN MY
"ENLIGHTENED STATE,"
I CAN ACCURATELY READ
MY OPPONENT'S
SKILL LEVEL.

A close-up profile of a hunter's face, showing a determined expression with a slight smile. The hunter has brown hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.



I'M
ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE
THAT SUNG JINWOO WAS
WEAKER THAN ME WHEN
I MET HIM AT THE
RED GATE.

A close-up profile of a hunter's face, showing a determined expression with a slight smile. The hunter has brown hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

BUT NOT
ANYMORE...

HOW FOOLISH
OF ME.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE
AS STRONG AS HIM EVER
JOIN SOMEONE ELSE'S
GUILD WHEN HE CAN
JUST START HIS
OWN?

IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER A CERTAIN
GUILD IS THE BEST OR
THE SECOND-BEST IN
THE COUNTRY.

IF HE CAN KEEP
GROWING STRONGER,
HE'LL ALWAYS BE
NUMBER ONE.

LOOKS LIKE CHOI
JONG-IN AND I WERE
JUST WASTING
OUR TIME.

...THE HUNTER, SUNG
JINWOO, UNDERWENT A
SECOND AWAKENING AND
JUMPED FIVE WHOLE RANKS,
GOING FROM AN E-RANK
TO AN S-RANK.



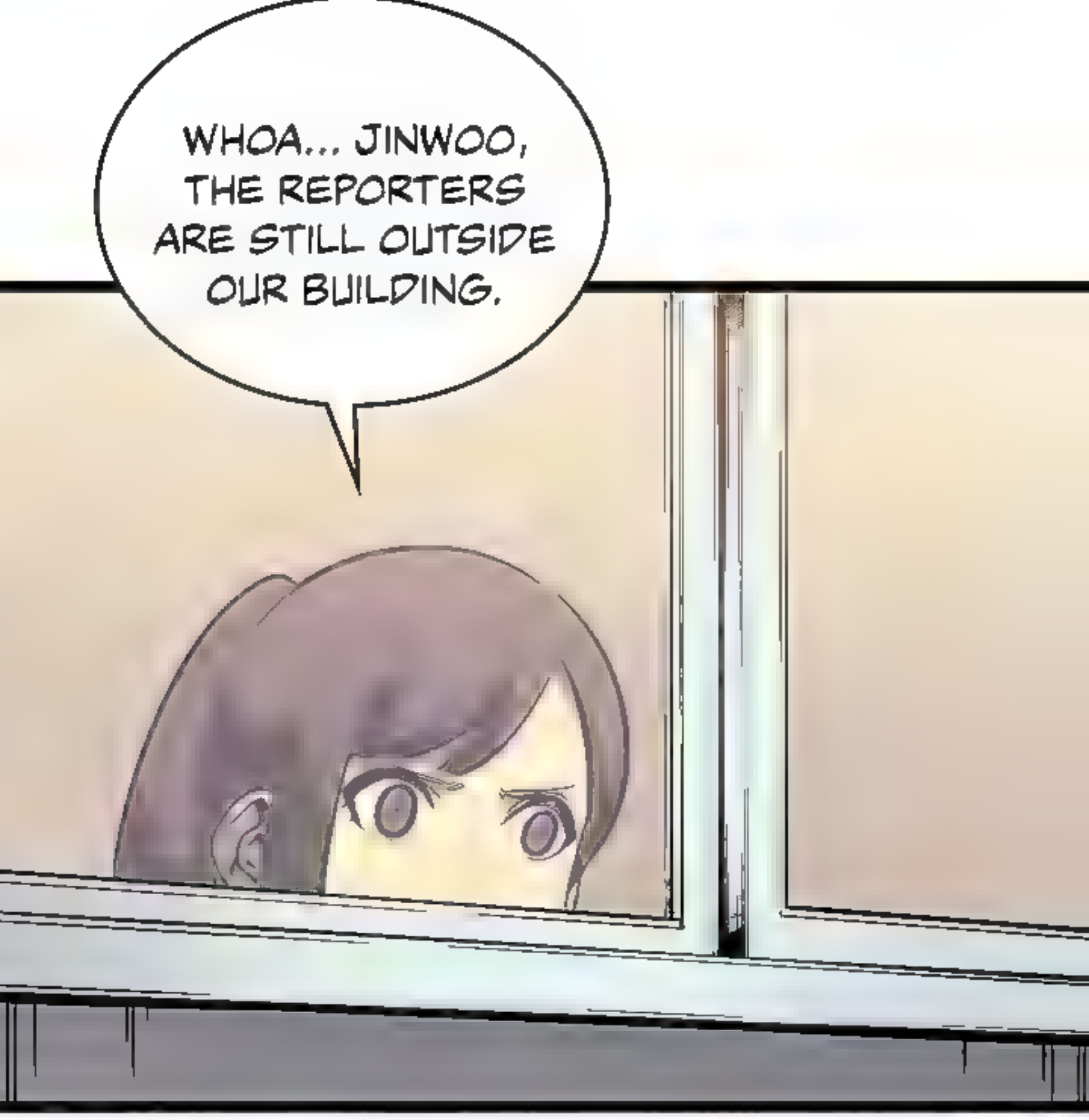
SAID TO POSSESS
MAGE-TYPE SKILLS,
HE...

MR. BAEK MAY
HAVE GIVEN UP ON
RECRUITING SUNG
JINWOO, BUT
NOT ME!

IF WE TRY
CONVINCING HIM
JUST ONE MORE
TIME, I'M POSITIVE
WE CAN GET HIM
TO JOIN THE WHITE
TIGER GUILD...!



I'LL HELP YOU,
CHIEF!!







HEY, CUT IT
OUT, WILL Y...



SIRRRR...



MY FATHER
KICKED ME OUT OF
THE HOUSE...



...I THOUGHT YOU
HAD YOUR OWN
PLACE.

WELL...
THE APARTMENT
I WAS LIVING IN WAS
BOUGHT UNDER MY
FATHER'S NAME,
SO...

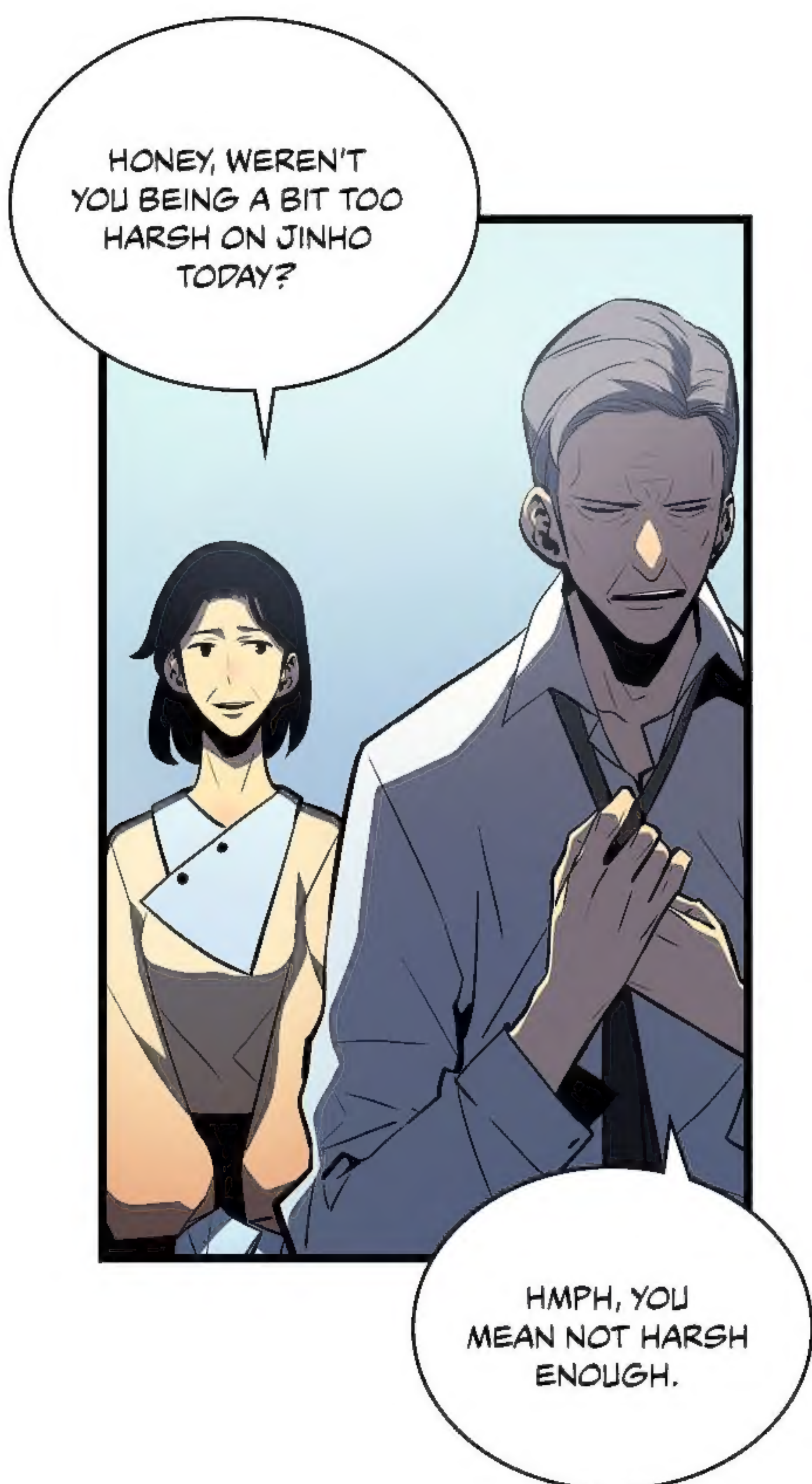
SIR, COULD
I ASK YOU A
FAVOR?

WOULD IT BE
ALL RIGHT IF I
CRASHED AT YOUR
PLACE FOR A
WHILE?

CREAK

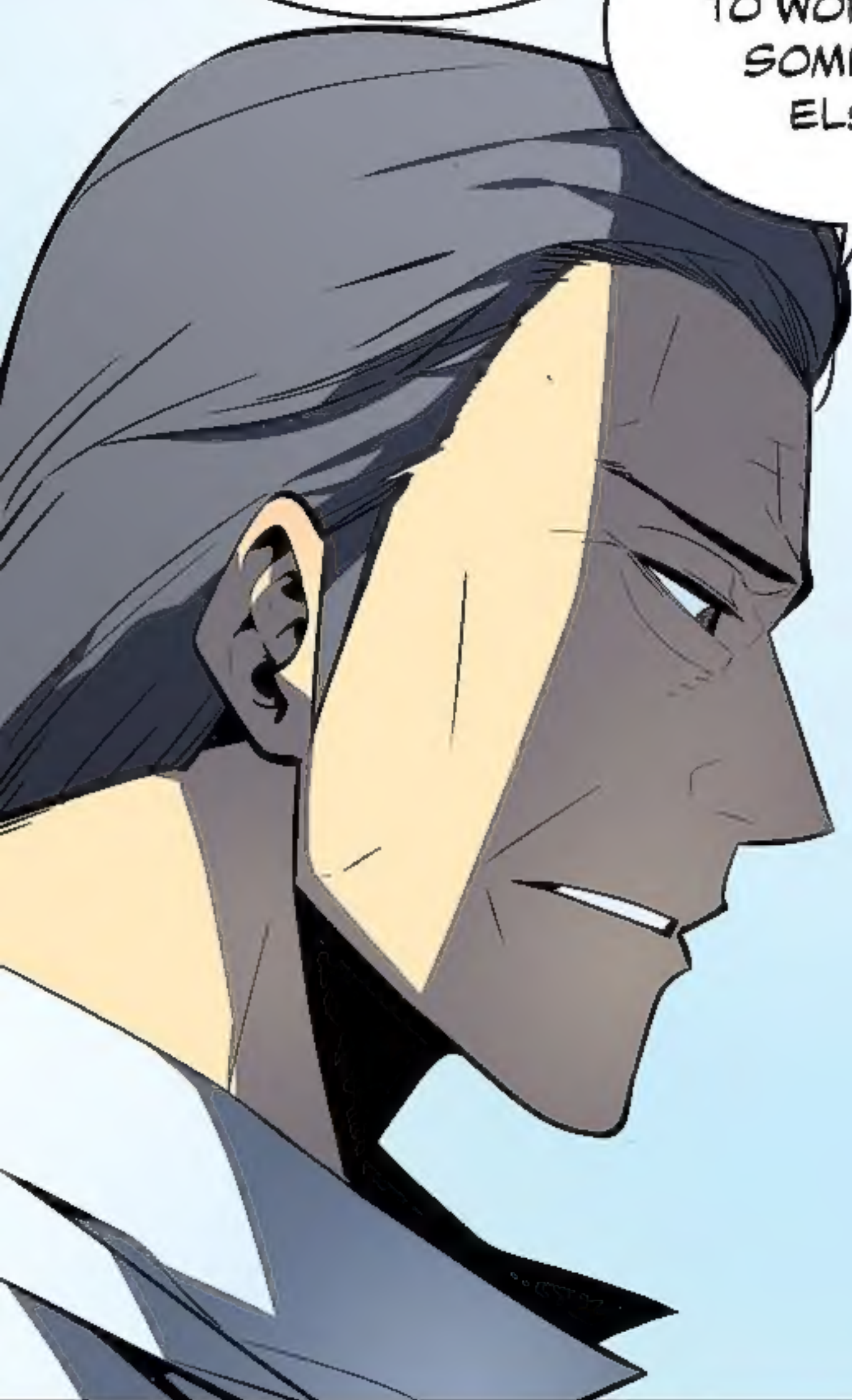
JINWOO,
WHO IS IT?
SOMEONE YOU
KNOW?

NOPE, I'VE
NEVER SEEN HIM
BEFORE.



IF HE TRULY WANTED
TO MAKE SOMETHING
OF HIMSELF, HE
SHOULD'VE PAVED HIS
OWN PATH, BUT
INSTEAD...

...HE DECIDED
TO WORK FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE.



HOW
STRANGE.



WHAT'S
WRONG?

I'M SEEING...

...TWO OF YOU.

WHAT?

HONEY?

FLOP

HONEY!!

To Be Continued...

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WEBTOON

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